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SUBJECT: GOF AIRBUS B-10 DECISION

REF: PARIS 22118

1. MOVING FASTER THAN WE HAD BEEN LED TO EXPECT, THE FRENCH CABINET ON JULY 12 AUTHORIZED TRANSPORT MINISTER LETHULE TO APPROVE PRODUCTION OF THE B-10 AIRBUS BY THE AIRBUS INDUSTRIE CONSORTIUM. THE ANNOUNCEMENT STATES THAT THE FRENCH AND GERMAN GOVERNMENTS WILL COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE FIRST COPIES MAY BE DELIVERED BY THE END OF 1982.

2. WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE UK INVOLVEMENT, A REUTERS ITEM PUBLISHED IN THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE QUOTES LETHULE AS HAVING TOLD REPORTERS: "AT PRESENT, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS NOT EXPRESSED INTENTION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COOPERATING IN BUILDING THE B-10. WE MUST NOT LET THE EXPECTATION OF ITS DECISION DELAY THE START OF CONSTRUCTIONIF THE BRITISH WISHED TO PARTICIPATE, WE WOULD EXAMINE THEIR REQUEST. BUT ABOVE ALL, WE DO NOT WANT THE START OF CONSTRUCTION TO BE DELAYED."

3. COMMENT: THIS GOF ACTION, LIKE THAT OF THE CONSORT-

IUM LAST WEEK, APPEARS INTENDED TO INFLUENCE UNITED
AIRLINES' PURCHASE DECISION BY PROVIDING A FURTHER
ASSURANCE THAT THE B-10 WILL ACTUALLY BE PRODUCED. EVEN
THOUGH THERE ARE DOUBTS IN GOF CIRCLES AS TO WHETHER
UNITED REPRESENTS A REAL POSSIBILITY, THERE IS OBVIOUSLY
ENOUGH DETERMINATION TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE OPPORTUNITY
UNITED APPEARS TO REPRESENT TO GO AHEAD WITH THIS UNDER-
TAKING WHICH WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EMPLOYMENT EFFECT
ON THE FRENCH AEROSPACE INDUSTRY.
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